



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 981***

LCO No. 3376

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:  
(KID)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE PLACEMENT OF YOUNG CHILDREN IN  
CONGREGATE CARE FACILITIES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2011*) (a) Except as provided  
2 for in subsection (b) of this section, the Commissioner of Children and  
3 Families shall not place a child under the age of six, or a sibling group  
4 that contains a child under the age of six, in a child care facility, as  
5 defined in section 17a-93 of the general statutes.

6 (b) The Commissioner of Children and Families may place a child  
7 under the age of six, or a sibling group containing a child under the  
8 age of six, in a child care facility, only if (1) a child care facility is  
9 designed for children and their parents, or (2) the health needs of the  
10 child under the age of six are so severe that the child's health needs can  
11 only be met in a child care facility. No child under the age of six, nor  
12 any sibling group containing a child under the age of six, may be  
13 placed in a child care facility pursuant to subdivision (2) of this  
14 subsection unless the commissioner, prior to such placement, certifies  
15 to the court that specific attempts were made to secure a family-based  
16 placement for such child or sibling group. If a child under the age of

17 six, or sibling group containing a child under the age of six, is placed in  
18 a child care facility pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection and  
19 remains in such facility for more than thirty days, the commissioner  
20 shall petition the court for an emergency placement review hearing to  
21 be held not less than forty-five days after the date of initial placement.  
22 The purpose of such hearing shall be to review the efforts made by the  
23 commissioner to secure a family-based placement for the child or  
24 sibling group and to determine whether continued placement in the  
25 child care facility is warranted based on the child's health needs.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	New section
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To prohibit the Commissioner of Children and Families from placing children under the age of six, or sibling groups with a child under the age of six, in congregate care facilities unless necessary for health reasons.

***[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]***